

ABSTRACT

A system for efficiently providing professional services (an "EBE system"), which is based the concepts of evidence-based medicine and the physician extender model. The EBE system combines and expands these concepts to enable services, which traditionally could only be provided by costly professionals, to be provided by lower cost "extenders." Under the EBE system, extenders work remotely from and under the supervision of one or more professionals according to protocols developed by the professionals. In addition, the extenders collect data on the effectiveness of the protocols. The feedback of this information to the professional allows the protocols to be monitored and updated and new protocols to be developed. The EBE system may include one or more professional modules, one or more extender modules, and an extender-based system. Further, the EBE system may include a method for providing professional services (an "EBE method").